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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/459,573

Filing Date: December 13, 1999

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING L-AMINO  
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Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Ramirez

Attorney Ref. No.: US-1270

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2003, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for reply, two month(s) to December 25, 2003.

☐ The period for response has previously been extended to

Attached please find a Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) authorizing payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) of \$420.00 for this Petition.

Respectfully submitted,

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